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AIRPORT SURFACE SAFETY TRAINING **Initiated By:** AFS-305 **Change:**
PROGRAMS FOR MECHANICS AND RAMP
PERSONNEL

1. PURPOSE. This Advisory Circular (AC) announces the availability of two training programs on aircraft taxi procedures and tug and tow procedures, and also provides information about how to acquire these programs.

2. BACKGROUND. Preventing runway incursions is one of the top safety goals of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In support of this goal, the Office of Runway Safety, ARI-1, and the Flight Standards Service Aircraft Maintenance Division, AFS-300, have produced two interactive CD-ROMs (listed below). These CD programs inform mechanics and ramp personnel about important practices for preventing runway incursions, ramp safety practices, proper taxi procedures, and proper tug and tow procedures.

a. Taxi 101. This training program covers: weather; airport familiarization; runway and taxiway signs, surface markings, and lighting; aircraft preflight; flight deck procedures; and air traffic control procedures.

b. Tug & Tow 101. This training program covers: personal safety; ramp operations and safety; aircraft and engine hazards; communications; push back; aircraft towing; airport signs, surface markings, and weather; and air traffic control procedures.

3. HOW TO ORDER. These CD-ROMs may be obtained free of charge from the FAA by visiting the Office of Runway Safety Web site at <http://www.faa.gov/runwaysafety> and clicking on the ordering instructions link. They may also be obtained by writing to:

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